



BIOGRAPHY



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COLONEL JAMES H. STRICKLER

Colonel James H. Strickler (Jay) is Director of Staff, Aeronautical Systems Center, Air Force Material Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He is responsible for managing and integrating all activities of the headquarters staff for the largest acquisition organization in the Air Force.

The colonel was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1983 upon his graduation from The Citadel. He then earned his navigator wings at Mather AFB, Calif., and was assigned to Moody AFB, Ga., as a Weapon Systems Officer flying the F-4E. He also served as an instructor and functional flight check crewmember. Col. (s) Strickler then attended Undergraduate Pilot Training at Williams AFB, Ariz., earning his pilot wings in May 1988. He was then assigned to Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, and Royal Air Force Upper Heyford United Kingdom flying the F-111A/E. He was an aircraft commander, flight lead, and a recipient of several Top Gun awards.



Col. Strickler has also served on the faculty of Air University as a Squadron Officers School Operations Officer, platform instructor, and school lecturer, and he has served a command staff tour at Headquarters United States Air Forces Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, as Chief of the Doctrine and Strategy Branch. He resumed his flying career as a RC-135 Aircraft Commander, Director of Operations for the 55th Operations Support Squadron, and Deputy Commander 55th Operations Group. Additionally, he has two combat command tours as the Commander of the 763rd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron. Prior to his current duties Col. Strickler was the Director of Staff, 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb. The 55th Wing is the largest in Air Combat Command, executing worldwide reconnaissance, command and control, presidential support, treaty verification and information operations missions directed by the President and Secretary of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, unified theater commanders, major command commanders and national intelligence agencies while providing base support to 93 associate units.

EDUCATION:

1982 Bachelor of arts, political science, The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.
1989 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
1992 Master of public administration, Troy State European, Royal Air Force Upper Heyford, United Kingdom
1996 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2002 Air War College, seminar

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. January 1983 – December 1983, student, Undergraduate Navigator Training, Mather AFB, Calif.
2. December 1983 – August 1984, student, F-4 Replacement Training Unit, Homestead AFB, Fla.
3. September 1984 – December 1986, F-4E Weapon Systems Officer, 69th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.
4. January 1987 – May 1988, student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Williams AFB, Ariz.
5. June 1988 – August 1988, student, Fighter Lead-In, Holloman AFB, N.M.
6. September 1988 – August 1990, student, and Wing Scheduler F-111 Replacement Training Unit, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
7. September 1990 – November 1992, F-111E Aircraft Commander, Flight Lead, Wing Scheduler, 77th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Wing, RAF Upper Heyford, United Kingdom
8. December 1992 – May 1995, Operations Officer, Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. June 1995 – June 1996, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
10. July 1996 – August 1999, Chief, Doctrine and Strategy Branch (XPXD), Headquarters United States Air Forces Europe, Ramstein AB, Germany
11. September 1999 – November 2000, student, RC-135, 338th Combat Training Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.
12. December 2000 – August 2001, Chief of Staff, Pilot RC-135, 38th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.
13. September 2001 – December 2001, Commander, 763rd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia
14. March 2002 – March 2003, Director of Operations, 55th Operations Support Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.
15. April 2003 – March 2004, Deputy Operations Group Commander, 55th Operations Group, Offutt AFB, Neb.
16. March 2004 – June 2004, Commander, 763rd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
17. June 2004 – June 2005, Director of Staff, 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.
18. July 2005 – present, Director of Staff, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal with service star

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	June 17, 1982
First Lieutenant	June 17, 1984
Captain	June 17, 1986
Major	April 1, 1993
Lieutenant Colonel	May 1, 1999
Colonel	Sept 1, 2005

(Current as of September 2005)